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Abredgemenet of the statutes
made in the parlyament holden in the
xxii. yere of the reyne of kynge
Henry the eyght.

Abiuracyon.

He kynge our soueraine
forde consyderynge that many his
subiectes commyttynge offencys /
haue take halowed places and ab
iurpd the realme / and beyng in
forde realmes haue instructyd other there
of archery / and also disclosyd the com
es and secretys of this realme: his hygh
ness hath ordeyned by the auctorite of
parlyament / that if any persone take chyrch
yard or other halowed place for saue
of his lyfe / for any murder or felony by
commytted / and thereuppon confesse any
of felony before the coroner / by reason
he owgth to abiure the realme: the same
thereuppon shall abinre frome all the
of this realme / and from all fre haby
and passagys of the same / & shall forth
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with be directed by the coroner to one sentwary in this realme that he will these / there to abyde as a sentwary persone abiured durynge his lyfe and to be burnyd in the hande accordyng to the statute in that case prouyded. And he shal be order conueyd by the constables / and ordered in lyke maner as he shal haue bene if he had abiured the realme. And if after suche abiurayon he come out of the sentwary to him assyned with out the kynge's pardon: he shal suffer deeth / and be ordered in lyke maner as yf he had abiured the realme and retourned agayn contrary to the lawes of the land. And if any sentwary persō shal abiured or any other persō whiche shal take sentwary for any pety treason / murder / or felony or for accessory to the same / and so beynge in sentwary commyt lyke offence within the same sentwary or without / or be accessory to any of the same and take the same sentwary agayn or any other sentwary / and be indyctyd of such offences he shal lose the pryncplege of the sentwary by hym taken.

And it shal be lesfull to euery iustyce of peace and bysshop / bysshoppe of euery bysshe / mayors / bysshopps and other offycers of cytes and townes corporate where suche sentwary is and they shal iawntes in their presence / to take out of sentwary

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by suche persons so offendynge and beyng therof
condemned / and to comyt them to the kynges gaole
within the Wyre or lybertye where any suche
sentwary is / safely to be kepte tyl they be there
attayntyd or otherwysse dyschargyd by the
law. And if any persone so taken out of sentwary
do plesse sentwary: than the kynges attour-
ney or any other persone / may asedge that he be
of the doyng of su: che offencys toke sentwary
for any other pety treason / murder / or felony or
violacion so beyng in the sayde sentwary / or
went out of the sentwary and commytted the
offence wherof he hys arraynyd. And if the sayd
persone so arrayned denye the sayd ple / it shal
be tryed furthwith by the iurours of the same
Wyre where the arraynement is. And if the ple
by .xij. men be found agayne hym or by his own
confession / & also it be found by .xij. men that he
is gilty of the felony wherof he is arrayned
than he to haue lyke iudgement and excecucion
as if no suche sentwary had ben by hym allegyd
And if he be found nat gilty of the felony: than
he to be restoryd to the sentwary owte of the
wyche he was taken / there to haue the pzeny-
shment in lyke maner as he had before. Prouyded
that if any person abydynge in sentwary
be endytpd of any felonye supposed by hym

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Or here to be done out of sentwary: he shall nat
 be takyn out of the sentwary where he is / tyll
 he be exampned by two of the kynges counsell
 or by .iiij. iustices of peace of the Wyze where the
 sentwary is. And if he within .iiij. dayes make
 suche p[ro]se as by the sayde exampners shal be
 thought suffycient / that he was in sentwary at
 the tyme of the felony comytted: then he shall
 nat be taken owte of sentwary. And yf any per-
 son that haue bene in s[en]twary for any pety trea-
 son / murder / or felony / and hath purchasyd the
 kynges pardon / or otherwys be dyschargyd or
 purgyd therof / and so beynge owte of sentwarye
 commyt any pety treasō or felony or manslaugh-
 ter by chaunce medley and nat murder of malice
 p[re]tensyd / and thereupon take sentwary: he shal
 to inioy the p[re]uilege of the sentwary / this acte
 nat withstanding. And that al foreyn p[re]s try-
 able by the contrary p[re]ded by any felons / shal
 be forthewith tryed befor the iustices afoze whō
 the arraynement is & by the iurours of the same
 Wyze that shall trye the arraynemēt / in what so
 euer countie the matter of those p[re]s be suppo-
 syd or alledged. And no persone arrayned of any
 pety treason murder or felony / shal be admitted
 to any p[re]emptory challenge aboue the number
 of .xx. This acte to endure tyll the next par-

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ment. Provided alwayes that this act extend
not to any persone takynge sentwary for any
offence beyng of any hygher nature in the lawe
then those offences aboue specysyed / but that every
such persone shall inioyn theyze sentwary in as
large maner as they might afoze this act made.

Allyens.

Clouke for Allyens in the tytle Handy craftys.

Apprentyce.

Whiche mayster / wardens / or felyschypes of
handicraftes / or maistres or any of them / or any
masters of fraternities shall take of any appren
tyce or any other persone for the entre of any
apprentyce in to theyze felyschyp / aboue .iiij. s. viij. d.
or for his entree whan his peres be cōpyzed
aboue .iiij. s. viij. d. on payne of .xl. li. as ofte as
they do the contrary / the one halfe to the kynge
the other to hym that wyll sewe therfoze by ac
cōson of det / informacyon or otherwyse / where
no protectyon nor cōson shall lye.

Artyfycers strangers.

Clouke for Artyfycers straungers in the tytle
handicraftes.

Beggers.

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Cloke for Beggars in the tytle Barabondys.
Bochers.

Cloke for Bochers in the tytle Tanners.
Byrdgys.

BE it enacted that þe iustices of peace in every
þy þyre fraunchyse oz borough / oz. iiii. of
them at the leest / wherof one to be of the quorum
haue power to inquire / here / and determyn in the
generall cessyons of the peace / of all anoyances
of byrdgys brykyn in þe wayes / and to make
suche pꝛocesse and payne agayn them that shal
amend them / as the iustices of the kynges bech
shal to do / oz as it shal seme by theyr discrecion
to be necessary for the speedy amendynge of such
byrdges. And if any byrdges so decayed be with
out any cyte oz town corporate / where it can nat
be knowen who ought to amēd the þe þa they shal
be made by þe inhabytaunte of þe þyre oz ryddynge
where those byrdgys be. And if within any such
cyte oz town: the þe by þe inhabytaunte of þe same cy
te oz towne. And if part of those byrdgys be with
in one þyre / cyte town oz ryddynge / oz within þe
lymptyes therof / and parte within an other: that
the inhabytauntes of such þyre / ryddynge / cyte
oz towne / shal be charged to amēde such parte
of those byrdges as shal be within theyr limites.
And

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And also in euery suchē place whēre it can nat
be knowene who ouzhte to amende suchē bryd-
ges: the iustices of peace within such bryde/ryde
bryde/cyte and town oꝛ .iiij. of them at the leest
wherof one be of the quozū/haue power to call
before them the constables oꝛ .ij. of the mooste
cheif inhabytātes by theyr discrecyon/of euery
towne and parryshe beyngē within suchē bryde/
bryde/cyte oꝛ towe where suchē brydges
be/and at theyre apparauce the sayde iustices
by shaffet of the sayd constables oꝛ inhabytātes/
haue power to set and tax euery inhabytant/
in any suchē cyte towe/oꝛ parryshe/to suchē some
as they shall thynke conuenient. And whiche
tax so set / the sayde iustices shall cause the na-
mes of euery person so by them taxyd to be wryt-
ten in a roll indented / & shall also make .ij. col-
lectours of euery hundzed. whiche collectours
receyvinge one parte of the sayde roll indented
under the sayde iustices seales shall haue power
to gather and receyue al sommys of money then
receyued / and to distreyn suchē inhabytante as
shalbe taxed and refused payment thereof / and
suchē distres to sell / and of the sale therof to re-
payne all the money taxed / and the ouerplus to
deliuer to the owner of the distres. And the
sayde iustice to appoynte .ij. surueyours to seue

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By decayed byrdge repayred & amended as
as nede shall requyre / to whose handes the
sextours shall pay all suche somes of money
them receyued. And that the saide collectors
surneyours and theyr executours & admyni-
strours / shall make trewe account to the iustices
of the peace of the Wyre / ryddynge / cyte or towne
wherin they shalbe appoynted collectors and
surneyours or to .iiij. of them wherof one to be
of the quorum / of all receytes and expensys
the sayde sommes of money.

¶ And if they refuse so to do: than the sayde ius-
tices to haue power to make processe against them
by attachement vnder theyr sealys / retorne
at the generall cessyons of the peace. And if they
appere / then to compell them to account, And
if they refuse so to do / than to commyt them
wardes tyll they haue made a trewe account.
And where any byrdges be in any Wyre / ryddynge /
cyte or towne / & the persons inhabytantis
dyes polptyke landes or tenementes which be
chargeable to thamendynge of the sayde byrd-
ges be in a nother Wyre / ryddynge or out of the
sayde cyties or townes: than the iustices of peace
of suche Wyre / ryddynge / cyte or towne wherin
suche byrdges be / haue power to inquire of such
anoyssuns. And if the anoyssuns be present
to make

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to make proceſſe in to euery ſhyre within this
realme agayne all ſuche as oughte to amende
ſayde brydges / and further to do as they myght
if the ſayd perſones were within ſuch ſhyre / ryd
ding / cite or towne where the ſayd anopſans is.
promded that this acte be nat preiudiciall to
the ſpbertyes of the .v. portes or mēbers of the
ſame. And for anopans of brydges within the
.v. portes / it is enacted that the mayres and
baylyffs electyd / and the iurates of the ſame .v.
portes / haue power to enqurye and determyne
all ſuche anopſauns of brydges within the ſame
as the iuſtices of peace maye do in other ſhyres.
And it is foztter inacted that the iuſtices of
the peace or .iiij. of them: haue power to allow al
coſtes and charges to the ſurneyours and co-
ſectors as they ſhall thynke conuenient.
And that the hye wayes next adioynnyng to the
ſides of any brydgis the ſpace of .iiij. .l. fete / be
reparyd & amendyd as ofte as nede ſhal requyre
that the iuſtices of peace of euery ſhyre / fraun-
ſhyle / cyte / or borough / or .iiij. of them / wherof
one to be of the quorum / haue power to enqurye
of ſuche anopſauncys of hye wayes / and to do in
euery thyng therin as they myght do for the
reparaynge of brydges by the auctorite of this
preſent acte.

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Cattell.

Cloke for Cattell in the title Hore / mays / q
cattell.

Customys.

Cloke for Customys in the title Toll.

Drapery.

Cloke for Drapery in the title wolles.

Egyccyans.

Has moche as dyuers owle landysse
people namynge them selfe Egyccyans/
haue gone about in euery Wyze in England and
deceyued the people / makynge them belyue they
could tell theyz fortune / and amonge other
thynges haue commytted many felonys and
robberyes : it is enacted that from hensforthe
no suche persone be suffryd to come wiche in this
realme. And if they so do / to forseyte all theyz
goodes and catals to the kynge / and to be com-
maunded to awyd within. xv. days on payne
of imprisonment. And euery Wyse / iustice of
peace and eschetour / maye cease all suche goodes
as they haue to the vse of the kynge / and therof
to make accounte at thescheker. And if any suche
stranger be enacted of any murder / robbery / or
other felony / and therto plete nat gylty or any
other ple trykke by the cuntrey : that than the
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shall be all englyshmen / natwithstandynge
that seppay medietatem lingue.

Provided that if the Egypcians now heynge
in this realme / departe after monicion givyn
to them wythin .xxv. dayes after this statute
proclaymed : they than to forfete no goodes nor
cattails. And if any can proue by .is. credable
persons / that any goodes so taken from suche
egypcians were felonously or craftely taken
from them : that he be incontynently restored to
the same goodes by hym that so seased them / on
payne of forfetyng to hym that maketh suche
prose & double Value / by accid of det byl or other
wyse / where nother wager of lawe / essone nor
proteccion shalbe allowed. And every iustyce of
peace by wyse / or eschevour / whiche cease any
goodes of such Egypcians : may retayne the one
halfe of them in theyr own handes / and to make
accounte for the tother halfe in the kinges esche-
quer / for makynge of whiche account he shal pay
no fees nor other chargis for his discharge there
nor els where.

Exactions.

Uoke for exactions in the title Apprentices.

Felons.

Uoke for felons in the title Trespall.

Handy

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C wheredyuers penall statutes halfe ben
made agaynst straungers for occupyeng of handy
craftes within this realme: it is enacted that
no person or persones straungers beyng a comen
Baker / Bzuer / surgyon / or skryuener / shal be in-
tereprete or expownded handy craftes men. And
all accions or infozmacions / sutys accyons and
proces taken agayn any suche strangers shon
any such statute to be utterly voyd.

Hywages.

Cloke for hywages in the title Byrdges,
Horse marys & catell.

NOne shall cary or conuey any horse / gyl-
dyng / mare or colt out of this realme
walys or the marches thero into any part be-
yond the see nor none ox / stee / bulloke / calfe / or
kow / or shepe without the kynges lycence under
his greute seale shon payne of forfeyture for
euery poll. xi. s. Nor shall cary or conuey any
horse / geldyng / maye / colt / ox / stee / bulloke /
calfe / cow / or shepe / to any haven / porte or creke
within this realme or walys / to be caryed out
of this realme with our lyke lycence / shon
payne of forfeyture of euery such horse / mare /
open /

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men/ or other catells aforesayde so brought in
onny suche haupn/ porte/ or creke/ to be conuayd
is afoze sayde.

Exponyded that it shalbe lesull to enery of the
kynges subiectes that shal passe ouer beyonde
the see / to hypp and cary with them horses or
cheynges for thei onely occupacion in thei
iourneys/ and nat to the intent to sell them beyond
the see/ and that intente to be iudged by the othe
of hym that so wyll cary ouer any horse or gyl-
ding/ whiche othe shalbe taken befoze the custo-
mers or thei deputies or sercher of enery suche
port where it shalbe hypped befoze the hypp-
ing therof.

Exponyded also that this acte be nat pzeindis-
iall to them that shal conuey any catell to Cal-
les/ so that they be bounde befoze the customer
of the port where the catell is hypped/ by obli-
gacion to the kynges Use/ in as moche as the ca-
tall is woorth/ that they shal nat onely buynge
the sayd catall to Calles/ but that also they shal
buynge within. iiij. montthes supplyent certifi-
cate to the sayde customer sealed w the seales &
subscrpybed with the handes of. iij. of the kynges
counsell of the sayde towne or marches/ and by
the customer or his deputy of the sayde towne
that the sayde catell hath bene truly broughte
thyder.

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thyder. And after that suche customer hath receyvede
 such certificate: he to cancell the sayde
 obligacion upon payne of forfeytynge the somme
 of the sayde obligacion/ and to brynge the sayd
 obligacion so cancelled & the sayde certificate
 or forlake of suche certificate the sayde obligacion
 vncancelled in to the kynges eschequer at p
 tyme of makynge his accounte for the yere/ next
 after the tyme lympted in the sayde obligacion.
 And if any customer suffer any suche cattell to
 pas withoute any suche obligacion made/ or if
 he fayle to brynge in the sayde obligacion in to
 the kynges eschequer with the certificate if any
 be as before is sayde: he shall lose lyke somme as
 the partye so wyppynge or conveyng any cattell
 shoulde lose.

¶ And for default of certificate of suche obligacion
 and certificate accordynge to the tenor of
 this acte: every suche customer to forfayte. *vi. li.*
 Nor no persone shall carry any suche cattell so
 brought to Lales or marches thereof oute of
 the sayd towne or marches / on payn of forfeyture
 for every pol. *xl. s.* The one halfe of which for
 feitures except the sommes conteyned in the ob
 ligation to be to the king/ the other half to hym
 that will sue by accyon/ bpsll / playnt/ informacion
 upon or other wyse / wherein nother wayer of

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the effoyr nor pꝛoteccyon to tye. And that enee
pꝛiue that may rꝑse byꝝon ſuche pꝛees / ſhal be
by. xiij men of the byꝛe oꝝ place where the
uion is commensed.

[Pꝛouyded alſo that the kynges counſellours
of the ſayde towne and marches / maye conuey
ni of this realme ſuche hozſes / geldynges / and
mares ſoꝝ theyꝝ owne uſe / nat entendynge to put
hem to ſale / and that intente to be iudged by the
uſe of them that ſhall thꝛyꝝ ſuch catell / and that
ether hozſemen of the ſayde towne / that is to ſay
army of armys / ſꝛeres and archers on hozſebake
and ſhoꝝzers / may cary out ſuch hozſes oꝝ gel
dynges as they bzought in to this realme witt
hem. Or if they bzought ncne witt hem / oꝝ
carynge them here beſynde them / oꝝ comynge to
this realme witt hore hozſe oꝝ geldynge : yet
they may cary and take witt them thꝛyꝝder ether
hozſes and geldynges of the bzedyng of this
realme as they ſhall occuppe ſoꝝ theyꝝ owne uſe
witt in the ſayd towne oꝝ marches.

[Pꝛouyded alſo that this acte be nat pꝛeiudici
all to the mayſter of the kinges hozſes ſoꝝ ſuch
thynges as he ſhall do cōcernyng his offꝛe. And
that the warden of the. v. pꝛotes ſoꝝ p tyme be
ing / may pꝛeſꝛyꝝ gꝛue. vi. hozſes oꝝ geldynges
and no mo byꝝon lyke payne as is abouesayde
to any

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to any persone beyond þe see beyng in the kynge
amite and that every man may cary beyond þe
see any marys wherof the price passeth nat. s.
s. viij. d. This acte to endure tyl the last daye of
the nexte parlyament.

Plumstede marthe.

¶ Where as for the mendynge and repayyng
of the bzeche of Plumstede marth besyde Eryth
duers tappyes haue bene set by commissyon
the owners of landes / tenementes / and proffyt
takers / whiche haue nat bene payd at the daye
sympted / so that the bayly of the same marth
hathe payed the same taxes for saluation of the
sayd marth / and hath no remedy to recover
agayn: it is enacted that the bayly shall make
proclamation at any sonday at the parlyament
of Plumstede / of all such cessys / scottes / and tax
ys beyng besynde vnpayd / to be payd at a cer
tain place within the sayde proclamation sym
pted / and within .xx. days after the sayde procla
macyon. And he that so paythe / shall be dyscha
rged of all doubles here to fore dewe. And
if the sayde taxes be nat payed within the sayd
.xx. days to the sayde bayly his exequutors and
assignes / that than they whiche ought to paye the
same taxes shall forsept the double of the same
And if the sayde cessys / scottes / taxes and the
doubles

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Whiche be nat payed by Wyghelmas now nept
compyng that than any other persone or persones
that will paye to the sayd Bayliffe his executours
to assynes the sayde taxes dew and vnpayed
by any other / may enter into all the sayd landes
and tenementes within the sayde marſhe and
well so cessed / scotted / and taxed / and they to
have to them and their heires for ever / any state
title / vse / or interest by reason of any intayle /
title / or graunte / or any other tytle nat with the
landynge. And the same lawe to be for any
tithes / taye / or cesse to be made and cessyd be
the the Natinite of seynt John Baptyst nepte
compyng by Vertue of any comyssions. Prouyde
that euery persone and his heires that so
shall come in the dowbles / whiche wyll with the
heires nepte solowynge the tyme sympted
the sayde tays with the theyr dowbles / to
that shall haue those landes / to his heires
heires / by reason of this acte : they shall
enjoy there lande agayne / or els they ther
be clerely barred. Prouided also that if
he hold any landes in ryght of his wyfe or as
tenant by the curtesy tenaunt in dower / or for
of lyfe / tenaunt for terme of yeres / or by
or statute marchaunt / gardeyn in socage /
hereditary / or any other haupnge any par-

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tycular estate of enherytauns / wchche shall pay
any suche taxes for defens of the same marshes:
that it shalbe leessfull to them theyr excozors
and assygnes / to retayne the sayde landes tyll
they haue leuyed and takyn all suche sumys of
money as they haue leyd out for the defens of
the sayd marshes.

By wyche.

Also that dothe hereafter cut down or caste
downe any parte of the dyke called the newe
powdyk in marshland in the countye of Dorset. or
of the broken dyke callyd the olde feld dyke
by marshlande in the pte of Ely in the countye of
Cambrige / or of any other banke beyng par-
cell of the rynde and uttermost parte of the sayd
marshlande / made for the deffence of the same
contrey / otherwysse than in workyng on the sayd
bankys and dykes for the fortyfyng and mende-
ryng of the same: it shalbe taken and iudged for
felony. And the iustices of peace of the sayde
countyes within the sayd pte / haue power at theyr
cessyons to enquire of euery suche offence here-
after to be made / and to award lyke pence
agaynst suche offenders withe lyke iudgement
and excozucion if they be founde gylty / as they
haue vsyd to do on other fellymes beyng se-
lomes at the comyn lawe.

Pop

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Every wylfull murder to be comytted or
done hereafter by way of popsonynge /
shalbe adiudged by treason. And all that ever
shalbe lawfully indyted or appelled and therof
attaynted of such murder by popsonynge: Shall
not be admytted to the benefyt of his clergy /
int after su. he attaynder shalbe comytted to
execution of death by boyllynge. And the iustices
of peace in every shyre / cyte / or towne / haue
pouere to inquire in theyr cesspions as well of
such traytorious murderers / as of counterfetyng
of copyn of any owtwarde realme / and to make
prouesse thereon by way of capias onely. And the
iustices of assyse in every shyre / haue pouer to
determinye as well su. he treasons done by way
of popsonynge / as they may of counterfetyng
of copyn as afoze is sayde. And the landes and
tenementes of them / whiche shalbe attaynted of
such popsonynge / shall eschete to the lordes of
the fees.

Sentwary.

Clouke for sentwary in the tytle Abinracion.

Sewers.

Clouke for Sewers in the tyttles Plumstedde
narthe and Powodyke.

B.ij.

Loke

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Skauage.

¶ Take for Skauage in the tytle Toll.
Tanners.

ND persone within this realme occupyng
the crafte of a bocher / Shall nat from the
feaste of seynt mychell tharchangell next co-
mynge / kepe any tannesowes / wypon payne of
forseiture for euery dape. vi. s. viij. d. the one
halfe to the kynge the other to hym that wyll
sew in any of the kinges courtis by byll / writ /
playnt / infozmation / oꝛ otherwise wherin nether
wager of lawe to be admytted / noꝛ protection
noꝛ essoyne to be alowyd.

Toll.

¶ Every persone gozue owte of the kynges
obeysaunce / that be oꝛ hereafter shalbe demy-
zys: Shall paye to the kynge and to his heires
and to all other persones and to al offycers and
mynysters of cities borowes & towones / all such
customys / subspdyes / tollys / & other sommys of
mony / for theȝ marchandysse and wares and
other goodes / by what nampys so euer the sayde
subspdyes / customys / tollys / dentres / oꝛ other
sommys of money oꝛ any of them be called / as
they shulde haue payed before they were demy-
zys. Prouyded that all offycers of every

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Bozough/oz towne/where any such costomed /
llype / oz dewties oz sommis of money ar to be
mandyde / sette vpin oppn place a table/by
whiche it maye appere what custome oz dewty
ought to be demaunded for any ware oz mar-
chandysse/vppon payne of forfeyture by enery
type .v. li. and by euery towne corpozat. xl. s.
In euery moneth that the table shalbe so vnset
that the one halfe to the kynge the other to hym
that wyll sewe for it by wytt/ byll/ playnt/oz
informacion / where nother wager of lawe / es-
cortyn/ noz protection to be allowed.

Provided that this acte be nat prejudiciall to
the marchauntes of the house of Almayn noz to
any of them haupnge the howse in London com-
monly callyd the gylde hall thentonicozurn/ or
herwysse called the styllyarde in London/ noz
to theyr goodes and marchandysse/ but that they
maye enjoy theyr lybertyes and preuilegys as
they had the fyrst day of this present parliamēt.
Provided that the tables to be set vpp in Lon-
don touchynge scauage / shal fyrst be examined
and approued by the chaunceler / tresorer of
Englanc/ the presydent of the kynges counsell/
the lord ppyvy seale/ the lord steward of the
kynges counsell / and the .ij. chiefe iustice for
the tyme beyng or by .iiij. of them / and by

W. iiij.

them

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Item subscribed.

Treason.

Take for Treason in the title Popsoning,
Tryall.

Where at a parlyament holden at Westmynster in the fourth yere of Henry the seventh, it was enacted that if any murderer or felon upon his arraignment byd asledge that he had taken semwarpy for murder or felony in any place pryncpleged in a foreyn countrie / and was taken out agaynst his wyll / that than if any wold asledg that he was taken at large within the same wythe where the arraignment was / that the same asledgement to be taken and tried by the same inquest that shulde trye the murder and felony / and before the same iudges / and if it were found that he was taken at large within the same wythe / that than he to haue none auantage of his formar allegyance / wiche acte shuld indure tyll the next parlyament then next ensuyng it is now enacted that the sayde act in every thyng therein conteyned be reuerued / & to endure perpetuall.

Macabondes.

The iustices of peace in every shire / and all other iustices / mayres / sheryffes / & other mynysters of every cyte / towne / borough & ryng

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ynge wiffyn the lymptys of theyz authozytes
shal dempde them self and make dysygent serche
and enquiry / of all poze aged and impotent beg-
gers wofich be compelled to lyue by almesse.
And after fuche serche made / they shall enable
fuch impotent persones to beg within fuche linn-
hed / rape / wapentake / cyte / towne / oz paryshe
as they shall thynk conuenient / and shall gyue
fuche impotent persons in charge nat to begge
without þ lymittys to them appoynted / and shal
regyfter the names of fuche persones by the ap-
poynted to begge in a roll indented / wherof the
one parte to remayn with them self / & the other
parte to be certyfyed to the iustices of peace at
the nexte cessyons to be holden wiffyn the sayde
huyres / cytyes / townes / oz fraunchesys / there
to remyn vnder þ keeping of þ custos rotulorum.
And the said iustices of peace / mayzys / sheryfs
& other offycers as they be deuided / shali make
fuche sealys to be grauen with the names of
fuche hundzed / rape / wapentake / cyte / bozonghe /
oz towne wherin they shall appoynt any fuche
persons to beg / and commyt those sealys to the
custody of fuche as they shall thynk conuenient /
& shall delyuer to euery persone so appoynted to
begge / a letter concernyng the name of fuch im-
potent person / wofitnessynge that he is authozy-

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sed to begge: the same letter to be seald wth
 such of the sayd sealds as shalbe ingraued wth
 the name of the sympte wherin he shalbe ap-
 poynted to begge / and to be subscribed wth
 the name of one of the sayde iustices o^r officers
 agonesayde .

And if any suche persone do begge out of the sy-
 myttes to hym appoynted: than the iustices and
 all other officers shal pynyshe them by theyr
 dyscrecyon by imprysonement in the stokkes by
 the space of .ii. days and .ii. nightes gyving them
 onely brede and water / and after that cause e-
 ry suche persone to be swozne to retorne wthout
 delay to the place where he is auctorysed to
 begge in.

Now no persone after the feast of seynt Johⁿ
 Baptyste nexte comynge / shal begge in any part
 within this realme except he be auctorysed by
 wrytyng vnder scale as is aboue sayde.

And if any so do: then the constabls and in-
 habytauntes of such place where he doth begge /
 shal take hym and brynge hym by force a wythe
 of peace o^r hye constable of the hundred / whiche
 shal comaunde the constable o^r inhabytauntes
 that so brynge hym / to strype hym nakyd from
 the myddyll shwarde / and to whyppe hym if
 su^{ch} be punysshmente be thought mete by suche
 iustice

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iustice or hye constable / & if nat then to comaunde
 hym to be set in the stokys in the same towne
 or parrysse where he was takyn by the space
 of .iij. days and .iij. nyghts harynge onely bzede
 and water. And the sayd iustice or hye constable
 to sympt hym a place to begge in / and to gyue
 hym a letter vnder seale in foame afoze sayde
 and swere hym to departe thither immediatly
 after suche penytemment executyd. And if any
 person beyng hole and able to labour / be taken
 beggynge after the sayde feast of sepnt Iohn / or
 if any harynge no lande / mayster nor bypynge no
 lawfull waye to gette hys lypynge wythe / be
 takyn vagaraunt and can gyue no rekonyng
 how he dothe lesully get his lypynge: that then
 the constables & all other offycers & subiects /
 shall arrest su:he Vagabondes and bypynge them
 byfoze one of the iustices of peace of the sayde
 byze / or byfoze the hye constable of the hundred /
 or if he be taken in any cyty or towne / byfoze
 the mayze or other offycer there / & then suche
 iustice / mayze or other offycer there / shall cause
 sayd person to be had to suche place as the
 sayd iustice or other offycers shall thynke con-
 uenient / and there to be tyed nakyd to the ende
 of a carle / and to be whyppyd thowow out the
 same market / towne / or place tyll hys body be
 B. S. bloody /

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Slody / & after ſuche ponyſſment had / he to bein
 ioynd vppon his othe to retozn ſtrenght to the
 place where he was bozne oz where he laſt
 dwelled by the ſpace of .iii. yere / there to put
 hym ſelfe to labour. And euery one ſo ponyſſed
 ſhall haue a letter ſealyd wiche the ſeale of the
 hundzed / rape / wapentake / cty / towne / boz
 rough / ſpſerte / oz fraunchyſe where he was
 ponyſſed / wptneſſynge his ponyſſment / and
 the daye and place where vnto he is appoynted
 to go / & by what tyme he his lymtyd to come
 thyder / durynge whiche tyme he may lawfully
 begge by the way / ſo that he ſhew the ſayde
 letter and if he accompliſh nat the order to hym
 appoyntede in the ſayde letter : than he to be
 takyn and wherryd agayne as oft as he doth
 ſo offende / tyll he come to the place to hym ap
 poynted. And if the perſon ſo ponyſſed be an
 ydle perſon and no comyn begger : than after
 ſuche wherryng he ſhall be kept in the ſtokes
 tyll he hath ſounde ſuertye to go to ſerue
 elles to labour / if by theyr discrecyon by the
 whome he ſhall be ſo brought it be thought con
 uenyent / oz elles to be ſworne to repayre to the
 countrey where he was bozne oz where he laſt
 dwelled by the ſpace of .iiij. yere / and to haue
 lyke letter and ſuche further ponyſſment if he
 offend

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offende as is aboue appoyntyd for the comyn
and able beggars / so to be penysshed yll that
he fall to labour oz otherwyse get hys lypung.
And the iustices of peace in euery shyre / haue
power to inquire of al mayors / bayllyfs / con-
stables and other offycers if they be negligēt
in executynge this acte. And if the constables
inhabytants of any towne oz parrys where
any suche beggars begge / do nat take them
and penyssh them as is aboue symptted : than
the towne shyp oz parry shall forseyte for euery
suche impotent beggar so nat takyn noz deryd
and penysshed accordynge to the statute. xl. d.
and for euery stronge baggar so nat takyn noz
operyd as ys aboue sympttyd. xi. s. viij. d. the
one halfe to the kynge / the other to hym that
wyll sew by bill of informaciō afoze the iustice
of peace at theyr generall cessions in the same
shyre oz within any cyberte where suche de-
facte shall happyn.

And all iustices of peace within any shyre / cy-
tye / towne / oz borough / haue power to here and
determin euery suche defaute / as well by pre-
sentment / as by byll of informacyon / and vpon
euery such byll of informacyon to make processe
by distress agaynst the inhabytantes where
suche defaute shalbe. And the shyrfe oz other
offy

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offycers to whom suche processe shalbe made /
shall dysstrayne suche one or .ii. of those inhaby-
tauntes as he may haue knowlege where most
neglygent and in defaute / and that dysstress to
retayne tyll they fynde suerty to appere at the
cessions lymitted in the sayd dysstress.

And if they appere and confesse the defaute /
if it be tryed agaynst them: then the iustices
of peace to assesse the fyns accordynge to the
rate aboue lymitted / and to make proces for le-
uynge of the same by dysstress as is aforesayd. :
And euery fyne that growthe by presentment
shalbe to the kyngys vse. And if it be by infor-
macyon: the one half to be to the kyng / the o-
ther to hym that so dothe pursue it. And if any
person so dysstraynyd appere nat at the daye and
place appoyntyd: then he for the furste defaute
to lose .xl. d. and at the seconde. vii. s. viii. d. and
so to be doubled vppon etury defaute tyll appo-
raunce be had by one of the inhabytauntes / to
deny / traueys or confesse the presentment or in-
formacion .

And all skolers that go about a begging with-
out auizoite vnder seale of the Inyuerfite / and
all bypmen that go about a beggynge without
suffpicient auizoite: shalbe penysshed as aboue
is sayde of the stronge beggars. And all pro-
cesses

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and pardoners goynge abowt the contreyes
 without suffycient auctorite / & all other ydle
 persones goynge oz abydyng in any place / some
 byng craftye & vnlawful gamys / & some say-
 yng to haue knowlege in physyk / physnamp /
 iurymetry and other crafty scyences / and suche
 lyke fantastycall imagynacions (ys he before
 .ii. iustices of peace wherof one to be of the quo-
 re be ioud gylty of such dysceitis) shal be whyp-
 pyd .ii. dayes to gether after the maner afoze re-
 cersed. And if he eftsonys offend / than he to be
 whypd .ii. dayes / and the thyrday to be set on
 the pillory and to haue one of his eares cut of
 And for the thyrday tyme to haue lyke whyp-
 ping and his other eare cut of. And the iustices of
 peace in euery shire / haue lyke auctorite for
 the excecucion of this acte / as the iustices with-
 out shires haue. And this acte shal be pereg-
 red in the open cessyons.

¶ And if any man gyue any money oz barbe-
 rough to any such stronge beggers beyng proued
 before any iustices of peace: then he shal make
 lye fyne as by the sayde iustices dyscre. yon
 at the assys shal be cessyd. And if any person
 byforce oz make reskowes agayne any mayre /
 byrre / oz other persone that endeour them
 lyse to the excecucion of this acte: euery suche
 per-

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persone shall forseyt .L.s. and to have imprisonment at the kynges wyll / the one halfe of whiche forseyture if it be in cytye or towne that be to the mayre / shyriffe / or other hed officer where the default is made / to thuse of the comynalte of the sayde cyty or towne corporate / and if the default be out of cyty or towne then the one halfe to be to the lord of the lete / and the other halfe to the kyng. ff or which forseyt / recouere shalbe had in any of þ kynges courtes by accyon of det / byll / playnt / informacion / or otherwyse / where nother wager of law / or foryn nor proteccyon to be allowed .

¶ Prouyded that this acte be nat preindyrall to the barons nor inhabytautes of the .v. portes. And that the mayre / baylliffe / elects / ciuitians in any towne within the .v. portes / haue lyke auctorite as the iustices of peace haue in any shyre within this realm by auctorite of this acte. And that the inhabytautes within the sayde .v. portes shalbe bound to the execution of this acte bypon lyke payne before remembred. And yf any that shall inhabyt within the .v. portes begge without the .v. portes than eny such person to be pynysshed accordynge to this acte / any thyng in this prouiso to the contrary nat with standynge. And the seals above re

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Asyd shalbe made at the costys of the iustices
of peace/mayors and other offycers aboue wyth
yn/on this syde the feast of saynt John baptiste,
wt compynge with in the symptes of theyr dy-
gnite/inurysdycion/ and auctorites.

And euery letter to be made/whereby any im-
poient beggar shalbe auctorysyd to begge/shal-
be made in this forme.

Hent. ff. **C** Memorandum that. A. B. of Dale
for resonable consyderacions /is lycenced to beg
with in the hundred of. P. R. and. L. in the sayde
countye. Given vnder the seale of that sympt
tali die 7 anno.

And euery letter deliuered to suche begger or
vacaconde after he hath be wherryed /shalbe
made this wyse.

Hent. ff. **C** Whipped for a vacacond stragg
begger at Dale in the sayde countye/ accordyng
to the lawe the .xiiij. daye of July in the .xxiiij.
yere of kynge Henry the .viij. was assyned to pas
forthwich and dyrectly from thens to Dale in
the countie of Wyddelsey / where he saythe he
was bozne/ or where he laste dwelled by the
time of .iiij. yers. And he is sympted to be there
with in .xiiij. days nexte insuenge at his parell.
In witnes where of the seale of the sympte of p
sayde place of his ponsment here vnto is sett.
And

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And every suche letter aboue reherſed / ſhal be
made at the equall coſtes of ſuche iuſtyces / magiſ-
tres & other officers aboue reherſid / & ſhal be ſub-
ſcrybed w one of theyr handes after this forme
Per me A. B. Vni inſtitiarium pace et / maiori-
tem ciuitatis / or Balliuū Ville / or coſtalarium
talis Hundredi / or els in lyke forme in englyſh.

C And they that haue the cuſtody of any gay-
lys / ſhall on this ſyde the ſayde feaſt of ſaynt
Johan / make a ſeale to be graued with the name
of the priſon or gaole. And they that be deliuer-
yd owte of priſon for ſuſpicynſe of felony and
haue nat where with to paye theyr fees / ſhall
haue libertye to begge for theyr fees by the
ſpace of. vi. weekys / and than compellid to go
where he was borne or where he laſt dwellyd
by the ſpace of. iij. yere. And every one ſo deliue-
ryd / ſhall haue a letter to him deliueryd by the
clark of the peace / or by the towne clark where
he his deliueryd / witneſſyng the tyme and ſpace
of his deliuerance / and a ſoze whome / and the
tyme apoynted hym to begge for his fees / and
the place whether he is assigned to go. And to e-
very ſuche letter the gaoler ſhall put to the ſeale
before reherſid. And that every ſuch letter ſhall
be made in this wiſe folowynge.

Esſey. ff. **C** The. xx. d ay of iuly anno regni ro-

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of felony out of the gaole of W. in þe sayd coun-
tye/at the cressyons holden befoze A. B. and his
felows at Sale/the day & yere afoze sayd/and
is allowyd to begge for his fees by the space of
vi. weekys & in case he can get him no mayster to
work wiche within the sayde terme: then he is
assyned to passe dyrectly to Dale in the countye
of Kent/where he sayd he was borne or where
he laste dwelled by the space of . iij. yers. And
he is allowyd. xiiij. days next after the sayd. vi.
weekes for his passage thyder. In witnes where
of the seale of the sayd prysone hereunto is set &
in such wythes where is no gayler/þe Wytyf Wall
cause a seale to be ingraued w the name of the
Wyte & Wall order & use the same in lyke form.
And every clarke of the peas or towneclarke/
Wall make for every such person so despueryd þe
sayd letter/withowt any fee therfoze taken/&
despuer it to the gayler / or to the Wytyf of the
Wyte if there be no gayler / within a day after
the sessyōs on payn of forseytynge or default of
every letter. xij. d. to the kynge. Nor the gay-
lers nor Wytyffs Wall suffer none to departe
out of prysoun except it be to seruyce or labour/
without he spakke despuer hym the sayde let-
ter sealed wiche the sayd seale/ vnder lyke payn
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for every default. And yf any beinge deservyng
out of prison/do begge without hawinge such
letter/or do begge contrary to the tenore of this
letter: then he to be taken and whippyd as a
felon is sayde of the stonke beggars/ and that
to be done Upon such payne as ys afoze lymy-
ted for none execution of punishment of stonke
beggars. Prowyded that it be lesfull to
every person being bound by reason of any some
dacion to give any money in almes/ & to every
person at comēdys used at burghys or o-
thys to give money in almes to all persons com-
myng to such dys as they before this tyme
haue done/ this act notwithstanding. Prowyded
also that maysters of hospytals may lode any
person accordyng to theyr foundacion/ & to give
money in almes in such wyse as they are bound
to do & this act to endure tyll the last day of the
next parlyament.

Wollys.

Where at a parlyament holden at Westmyn-
ster in the. liij. yere of kyng Henry the vij. it was
inacted that no person by hym self nor by any
other / shulde bye or take promyse or bargayne
frome the fyrste daye of Marche the yere of our
lord. M. cccc. lxxxix. of any wollys shewynge
of the growynge of Warke Wyre/ Wolsord Wyre/
Wolwester Wyre/ Hereford Wyre/ Wyndesore
Wyre/

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Bozrefter Wyre / Effex / Wiltes Wyre / Somerset
Wyre / Dorset Wyre / Hamp Wyre / Hertford Wyre /
Lambzpdge Wyre / Nozfolke / Kent / Surrey / oz
Sussex / befoze the feaste of the assumpcion of
oure lady nexte after the Werynge of the same
wollys / but they that shulde do to be made
payne oz clotheys of the same wollys in thys
realme / Wypon payne of forfetur of the double
value of the sayd wollys / noz that no marchant
straunger shuld bye any wollys befoze the feast
of the puryspencion of our lady next after the
Werynge of the same Wypon lyke payne / and le
that wyl sue to haue an accyon of det for the
sayde forfetur / and that ro pprotectyon / cffone
noz wager of lawe shulde lye therein / and that
no woll packer shulde bye any woll for any
marchaunt straunger after the sayde spzshie day
of marche Wypon payn of forfetur of the same
wylche statute was made to indure for .x. yeres
the sayde estatute is now in euery artycle therof
fro the fyrst day of Marche next comyng reuy
wd / and that no person shall bye oz bargayne oz
take any promyse of bargayne oz sale for any
woll for any marchaunt stranger within this
realme / Wypon payne of forfetur of the same
woll oz balew of the same / this acte to endure
from the fyrst daye of Marche next comyng / to
thende

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Item of. p. perys now ensuenge and after that
pere to the ende of the next parlyament the next
folowynge. Also that all makers of woollens
say / stampe / batters and cappers within this
realme : haue lyke lybertye to be well as the
clossyers haue by this same act. And every ar
tycle conteyned in the sayde acte : shal be put in
execucion as well in the Wyres of Buk. Dorset.
Leicester / Huntingdon / Warwick / Lincoln / Der
by / Rutland / Northampton and York / as in the
Wyres aboue named. And þat al bargaynes made
or to be made before the fyrst daye of March
next compynge to be forde / excepte the shire
put suche woollens to parne or clothe with in the
realme .

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